

those problems and I urge your support.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I think Loran Schmit has really read the problem quite well. I think the theory that in creating a size of subdivision and so forth, a five acre minimum, sounded very good a couple of years ago but I don't see any reason to believe that the larger sized unit has discouraged land being taken out of agriculture. I think what it has done, I think it has very clearly just taken out larger parcels and is really accelerating farmland going out or into urban usage with unnecessary amounts of land being picked up, that now you have to have five acres. You make it ten, a mandatory ten, you take ten acres out of agriculture and we don't have any figures that I have seen or any reason to believe that it has discouraged the numbers of these going out. It has just made larger units of agriculture land go out of production when they want to subdivide. I think it was a mistake and to enlarge on the mistake which this bill is doing would be very foolish. I oppose the bill and I think Senator Schmit has read the issue quite well of what we are actually doing, a theory that we passed into law that is not working out today. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I move the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. The motion before the House is shall debate cease? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh for purposes of closing.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the City of Lincoln, the City of Omaha and hopefully all of their Senators are supporting this measure. This does not mean that you cannot build on smaller plots of land than ten acres. It simply is saying that the cities will have some say about what is built and who will be asking for services. Please allow local governments the option of choosing such as every outstate Senator's local areas